

ANTI-JAPAN BILL
HASTENS CRISISSpeaker of Assembly Says
Situation Is Grave.

HINTS SERIOUS AFFAIR

Question of Reconsidering Vote
Is Then Postponed.

Matter Will Be Acted on Next Wednesday—Governor Sends a Strong Plea Against Retention of Bill. Stanton Says Real State of Affairs May Be Revealed When Measure Come Up Again Before Legislature.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Relations between Japan and the United States are seriously jeopardized by the adoption of the bill aimed at Japanese school children by the assembly yesterday, according to statements made by Speaker Stanton on the floor of the assembly to-day.

The speaker declared, when he left the chair, to take part in the debate to postpone the action on the motion to reconsider the bill, that it was only the extreme gravity of the situation that induced him to take the floor. Continuing, he said:

"A crisis has arrived, and, therefore, I expect you to delay action, I wish I could tell you something I know, but my lips are sealed. Perhaps by Wednesday the governor or myself may be able to tell you more."

After this statement of the case the assembly decided to delay the entire matter until next Wednesday.

After the adjournment the speaker told some of his friends that the President felt the ground slipping from under his feet, and that California was likely to force a serious complication with a friendly power.

Will Apply Pressure.

The governor is so impressed with the gravity of the situation that he will make a trip to San Francisco to-morrow to hold a conference with the editors of the leading papers in order to apply pressure.

There is more than fear that the senate will follow the course of the assembly and pass the obnoxious measure. Much bitterness has marked all the debates on the Japanese questions, showing that feeling is deep and strong.

It might be well to call attention to the fact that the bill passed yesterday only adds two words to the present law. It adds Japanese to classes for whom special schools may be established. The new bill does not bar the Japanese from public schools. It simply empowers the school boards to establish separate schools for the Indian, Mongolian, Chinese, "or Japanese" children, and provides that when such separate schools have been established, these children shall not attend other schools.

GILLET MAKES STRONG PLEA.

Sends Message Asking Legislature to Reconsider Bill.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Yielding to the pressure applied by Gov. Gillett in his special message, the assembly to-day decided, without a division, to postpone until next Wednesday the motion to reconsider the vote by which the anti-Japanese bill was passed yesterday.

Opponents and friends of the measure alike were glad to delay the final action, because neither felt sure of the result of a test made to-day. If a vote had been taken, the attempt to reconsider probably would have been badly beaten.

The message of the governor is one of the clearest and most definite statements of the entire controversy that has been made. It directly asks the assembly to reconsider its action and then recited the dispatch of the President calling the bill "the most offensive of all."

"A telegram as forcible as this coming from the President of the United States is entitled to full consideration, and demands that no hasty or ill-considered step be taken by the State which might involve the whole country."

"It seems to me that it is time to lay sentiment and personal opinion aside and take a broad, unprejudiced view of the questions involved in the proposed legislation, and in calm, dispassionate manner to pass upon them. We must keep in mind always not only the interests of the State, but of the nation as well, and the duty we owe the nation in observing treaties entered into with friendly powers."

SHIPS FOR PACIFIC COAST.

Part of Fleet to Be Detached When It Reaches Hampton Roads.

Vallejo, Feb. 5.—News has been received at Mare Island Navy Yard that as soon as the Atlantic battle ship fleet reaches Hampton Roads the battle ships Montana, Mississippi, Idaho, and New Hampshire will sail for the Pacific.

Several other battle ships are also scheduled to start for the Pacific Coast soon. It is said this change of plan is the result of pressure brought to bear by the business interests in the West for a more representative fleet in the Pacific.

Nevada Tables Measure.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 5.—The state of mind of the senate on the Japanese question was well shown this morning, when a resolution asking for a strong war fleet for the Pacific, which passed the assembly unanimously, came up for consideration. The measure referred to the Japanese as a menace to the American peace. Representative Woodbury moved that the measure be tabled. The motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

Enough Inaugural Lumber for whole city.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia—Rain to-day; colder to-night; to-morrow fair, colder; southwest to northwest winds, becoming moderately high.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.
1—Crisis Hinted in Anti-Japan Trouble.
1—Fifteen Killed in Strike Riot.
1—Detroit Budget Increased and Passed.
1—Child a Heroine at Orphanage Fire.
1—Sugar Trust Faces Big Fine.

LOCAL.

1—Senate Agrees on Gas Bill.
1—President Vetoes Census Bill.
1—Roosevelt Urges Building Probe.
2—Ace Gave from White House.
2—Rabbi Simon Reviews His Pastorate.
4—District Budget Increased and Passed.
12—Medical Attention for Visitors.

ROOSEVELT URGES
BUILDING PROBECongress May Inquire Into
Ashford Charges.

NEILL'S INQUIRY IS VOID

Bureau of Labor Unsuccessful in
Search for Evidence.

In Special Message, Mr. Roosevelt Says Special Commission Should Be Appointed to Examine Building Inspection Department and Run Down Allegations of Coroner's Juries—Declares Probe Is Due.

Recommending that Congress authorize the appointment of a special commission to make a thorough investigation of the building inspection department of the District, the President yesterday transmitted a special message to the Senate and House of Representatives.

An appropriation of \$3,500 is asked to defray the expenses of this commission of three.

Accompanying the message is a letter from the Commissioner of Labor and Special Agent Victor S. Clark, of the Bureau of Labor, relating to an inquiry conducted by them into the office of the building inspector. They have been unable to prove the charges against the department.

Probe Is Directed.

The Chief Executive also submits extracts from a recent verdict of a coroner's jury, and transmits certain letters which explain the reason of the investigation by the Bureau of Labor.

"I agree fully with the position taken in the report of the Bureau of Labor, that the building inspection department should not be left under suspicion as the result of unproven charges."

President Roosevelt states:

"In the interest of the building inspection, no less than of the public, there should be a thoroughgoing investigation of the conduct of its office. If that important department of the government is inefficient or improperly conducted, its personnel should be reorganized. If, on the other hand, the criticism of it is unfounded, this should be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the public, and the building inspector vindicated and sustained."

The investigation reported upon by the Bureau of Labor was instituted at the suggestion of the President on December 10, following an inquiry to determine the responsibility of the death of Raymond L. Hibbs, a workman, who lost his life as the result of the collapse of a part of the iron framework of a building under construction.

The coroner's jury in its verdict given on November 23 last declared:

"We find that the death of said Raymond L. Hibbs was the direct result of criminal carelessness of any person or persons, but was due to accident. We deem it our duty to severely condemn the lax methods now and heretofore in vogue in the office of the inspector of buildings of the District of Columbia, and the apparent absence of intelligent, well-directed effort, and heavy co-operation between the different divisions and officials of said branch of the government, so essential to the welfare of the community. We recommend the appointment by the President of the United States of an unbiased, competent, and disinterested commission for the purpose of making a thorough investigation of the methods, systems, adequacy, and efficiency of the office of building inspector of the District of Columbia."

This extract was submitted to Congress yesterday, together with the statement that "In June, 1908, a former coroner's jury had held the building inspector and three other persons criminally responsible for the death of a workman killed by a falling building. The grand jury indicted two of the men named by the coroner's jury, but did not return an indictment against the building inspector."

Ashford Sought Inquiry.

In accordance with the request of the coroner and concurred in by Snowden Ashford, building inspector, President Roosevelt transmitted a letter to Charles F. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, under date of December 10, in which he said:

"I wish you would immediately institute an investigation into the building inspection department and report to me as soon as possible the result of the same, using such of the force of your bureau as may be necessary for the proper and prompt conduct of the work."

"This is the second case within a comparatively short time in which, through the falling of a part of a building under construction, workmen have lost their lives, and as the District of Columbia is entirely a Federal jurisdiction, I think it entirely proper that the Bureau of Labor should investigate the question of."

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WILL FAVOR LAW
TO REGULATE GASSenate Bill May Be Reported
in Few Days.

90 CENTS PRICE AGREED

Dangers of Carbon Monoxide
Will Be Minimized.

Corporation Counsel and the General Counsel of the Gas Company Visit Congress and Discuss Proposed Legislation—Latter Tells the Committee His Company Will Do Its Utmost to Comply with Measure.

The subcommittee on public utilities of the Senate Committee on the Affairs of the District of Columbia, which has been considering the question of gas legislation, yesterday conferred with the full committee, and a bill will be reported to the Senate in a few days.

There is a unanimity of opinion in the committee in favor of legislation along these lines:

A reduction in the price of gas to 90 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, and with this as a basis a sliding scale as to rates for the future on the plan now in operation in Boston.

A limit in the quantity of carbon monoxide to 10 or 12 per cent, which will mean the manufacture and distribution of coal gas of twenty candle power to the exclusion of water gas.

Company Will Not Fight.

The Washington Gaslight Company, it developed yesterday, will not antagonize either the reduction in the price of gas or the substitution of coal gas for water gas, but it is asking authority to increase its capitalization under an appraisal to be made by the courts, Interstate Commerce Commission, or a special commission appointed by the President, or by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. It is this question of capitalization that promises to prove a formidable obstruction to legislation.

Corporation Counsel Thomas, representing the District government, and General Counsel Goldsborough, representing the Washington Gaslight Company, appeared before the Senate committee in executive session, and made statements and answered inquiries. Mr. Thomas, speaking for the Commissioners, emphasized the desire for the passage of the House bills which reduce the price of gas to 90 cents and repeal that section of the act of 1886 under which the gaslight companies are now endeavoring to increase their capital. He did not profess to have definite information as to the profits in the manufacture and distribution of gas, but he believed the rate fixed by the House was a reasonable one. On the question of capitalization he took the position that it was contrary to public policy to authorize or permit the increase sought by the company.

Cost of Change.

Questioned as to the probable cost of installing a coal gas plant equal to the requirements of Washington, he said he had not gone into this matter thoroughly enough to give an accurate estimate, but he believed such a plant could be installed at an outlay approximating \$2,000,000, exclusive of real estate.

It will be recalled that the water gas experts heard by the House committee last week estimated this outlay at \$7,000,000.

Mr. Goldsborough assured the committee that the company would do its best to comply with the provisions of any law Congress might enact. He made it quite clear that it was not resisting a reasonable reduction in price nor increased safety as to its product. He discussed at some length the matter of capitalization and will file a brief on this point.

Senator Burdett asked Mr. Goldsborough the extent of the improvements made by the Washington Gaslight Company last year, and he answered that \$350,000 was thus expended out of the company's surplus and profits.

Hearings Not Needed.

The committee decided that there was no necessity for it to give hearings to experts on either side of the water-gas question. The testimony taken by the House committee in printed form is now in the hands of the committee, and most of the members said they had read it and digested it thoroughly.

A member of the committee spoke of a conversation with a prominent citizen of Washington, who held that the community was more vitally interested in safe gas than cheaper gas.

"The Senate committee, it is understood, does not as a body take an adverse view of the proposed increase in capitalization, but this will undoubtedly encounter strong opposition in the House, and fear is expressed that it will, owing to the short time yet remaining of the session, endanger all gas legislation."

TRAMPED IN CLASS RUSH.

President of Scientists at Valparaiso Is Seriously Injured.

Hammond, Ind., Feb. 5.—A wild class scrap that started Wednesday night at Valparaiso University, and ended last night between the laws and sciences, may result in the death of Cass L. Wolfer, of Nebraska, who was trampled on and kicked in the stomach.

Wolfer is president of the scientific class which was storming the law building in an effort to get the president. In some way he fell and was trampled on and kicked in the stomach by his own classmates.

He was picked up unconscious. Four other injured students were spirited away by classmates to hide their identity before the police could arrive.

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TRY IT ON YOUR PIANO.

Oxybenzyl-methylglycol-anhydride Will Accomplish Wonders.

New York, Feb. 5.—A new chemical substance, which its inventor, Dr. L. E. Bakeland, says will revolutionize the development of long-distance, high-speed electric railways in this country, was told to-night at the meeting of the American Chemical Society, in the Chemical Club, in Fifty-fifth street. The substance goes under the scientific name of oxybenzyl-methylglycol-anhydride, and to save time is called Bakelite, after its inventor.

Dr. Bakeland says that the New York Central engineers were going to start experiments with the new substance.

ANOTHER DAYTON GIRL KILLED

Body Dragged from Cistern Believed to Be Fourth Victim of Fiend.

Eighteen-year-old Elizabeth Fullhart, Missing Since December 29, Has Marks on the Neck.

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 5.—The body of eighteen-year-old Elizabeth Fullhart, dragged from a cistern in the heart of Dayton's residence district this afternoon, is believed to be that of the fourth victim of a fiend still at large in the city. Police lay the death of the young woman to the man who killed Dona Gilman on November 20, 1908, dragged Anna Markowitz from a party in a park August 1, 1907, attacked and murdered her, and on the night of January 23 of this year attacked pretty Mary Forschner in the street, dragging her through fields to a stable, there to choke her to death.

The decomposed body of Elizabeth Fullhart, found in a cistern in the rear of the home of E. T. Matthews, where it is believed to have been since December 29, bore marks on the neck similar to those on the necks of the other three girls.

PLAN TO FORTIFY CANAL.

Taft and Representatives of War Department Will Take Up Matter.

Panama, Feb. 5.—Mr. Taft is studying plans for the fortification of the canal, and it has been decided that representatives of the War Department shall come here soon to make a final revision of the plans. Mr. Taft will discuss the plans with the army officers after their return to Washington.

Mr. Taft drove to Empire Hill to-day to get a nine mile view of the Culebra cut, and afterward had a consultation with the engineers.

To-night there was a state ball in Panama in honor of Mr. Taft.

Mr. Taft opened the state ball by dancing a quadrille with Mrs. Obaldia, the wife of the President. Mrs. Obaldia is a midwife in size compared with the President-elect, and just reached to his elbow. President Obaldia took Mrs. Taft for his partner. Mr. Taft enjoyed himself hugely and danced until midnight.

The ball room presented a gay scene. It was fitted with beautiful Spanish-American women, and was handsomely decorated with tropical flowers.

ACCIDENT TO AEROPLANE.

Wilbur Wright Quickly Descends When He Learns of Trouble.

Paris, France, Feb. 5.—While Wilbur Wright was instructing Paul Tissandier in aeroplane work to-day the experiments were brought to a sudden halt by an accident to the aeroplane on which they had embarked together. Wright was controlling the machine, but in consequence of some fault with the starting rail the rear rudder broke as they ascended, and it hung loose.

The crowd shouted a warning, but the noise of the motor drowned their cries. Wright, however, soon found that there was something wrong and descended abruptly. Neither of the aeroplanes was hurt.

Two Wright machines, manufactured in France, are to be sent to Monaco to compete in a contest there. Michael Clemenceau, son of the prime minister, who is an engineer employed by the manufacturers, is to conduct one and Count Lambert the other.

BACK TO FIRST LOVE.

Cleveland Councilman Remarries Divorced Wife.

Cleveland, Feb. 5.—Councilman John D. McClain has remarried his first wife, from whom he was divorced eight years ago, thus fulfilling a promise made to his second wife, who died at Willow Station last summer.

Mrs. Georgia McClain, the councilman's second wife, had always grieved unknown to McClain over the divorce proceedings. She grew ill a year ago and her last request was that he should remarry the divorced woman.

Auction at Sloan's To-day.

A lot of storage furniture and merchandise for account of Knox Express Company will be sold at public auction to-day at Sloan's, 1407 G. st.; also piano, parlor, office, and bedroom furniture for other owners. Sale opens at 10 a. m.

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FIFTEEN DIE; MANY
HURT IN TORNADO

Storm Sweeps Through Mississippi and Louisiana.

PATH OF RUIN ACROSS STATE

Little Town of Booth Is Reported to Have Been Blown Off the Map, Every House Being Wrecked—Two Women Killed at Sulphur Springs, Texas—Mother and Child Dead.

New Orleans, Feb. 5.—Eleven persons were killed and probably a score or more were injured by a tornado which swept across the States of Louisiana and Mississippi to-day.

The greatest loss of life occurred at Rolling Fork, the county seat of Sharkey County, Miss., where five persons were instantly killed, and at Booth, a small hamlet in Issaquena County, Miss., where six negroes met death.

The little town of Booth is reported to have been blown off the map, every house in the place being wrecked.

All of the wires in that vicinity were put out of business by the tornado. The tornado struck the negro section of Rolling Fork and destroyed seven houses, schoolhouse, and a number of barns and outbuildings. Several cotton gins in the vicinity of Rolling Fork were wrecked.

The tornado struck the northwestern section of Louisiana and left a path of ruin across the State to the Mississippi River, where it crossed into Mississippi. The tornado passed through a sparsely settled section of North Louisiana, and the damage done in that part of the State was mainly confined to timber, fences, &c.

The most serious damage in Louisiana occurred at Bossco, Mill Haven, and Bristol Ridge, where a score or more of houses were demolished and several negroes seriously injured.

Two Women Killed.

Dallas, Feb. 5.—Mrs. James Ardis and Mrs. C. Caldwell were killed by the cyclone which hit Sulphur Springs to-day. The financial loss at that place will reach \$50,000. Eight dwelling houses were wrecked. A dozen frame houses were blown down at Ellis and many horses and mules killed. The storm extended into the Panhandle country as far as Wichita Falls.

Mother and Child Dead.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 5.—Two persons were killed and a third fatally injured in a cyclone which visited Stuttgart. The tornado carried away one residence and five barns, besides inflicting great damage on property in the surrounding country.

The residence which was destroyed was that of Will Shorey. His wife and child were crushed by falling timbers. The child was killed outright, and Mrs. Shorey was taken from the ruins in an unconscious condition.

WATTERSON WILL RETIRE.

Noted Editor Says He Will Never Again Appear in Public.

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Mr. Watterson was to have been one of the principal speakers at the Bryan banquet, and when his letter was read many heads bowed in sympathy. Mr. Bryan was visibly affected by the reading of the letter, and made a touching reference to the incident in his after-dinner speech. Mr. Watterson is now at his winter home, Fort Myers, Fla.

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E. H. HARRIMAN A SICK MAN.

Intended Trip to California for Purpose of Restoring Health.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—E. H. Harriman is far from being a well man, according to reports persistently circulated to-day in financial circles here and in the East. For several weeks, it is said, Mr. Harriman has been a willing patient in the hands of his physicians, and his intended trip to California is said to be for the purpose of restoring his health.

"It is no longer a secret that Mr. Harriman is a sick man," said a well-known La Salle street broker. "A few weeks ago when I was in New York I was told by persons in a position to know that he is suffering from a serious nervous disorder of the spine."

MAN KILLED IN STREET RIOT

Several Others Seriously Hurt in Attack on Clothing Factory.

Armed Mob Breaks Down Door of Jacob Greenfield's Shop and Attacks Workers.

New York, Feb. 5.—One man was killed and several were seriously injured in an attack made by strike sympathizers on the clothing factory of Jacob Greenfield, at 2 Second street, this afternoon. The name of the man who was killed could not be learned by the police. He was one of the attacking party of the shop struck two weeks ago. Eight strikers and pressers remained at work. Wolf Greenfield, brother of the proprietor, was in charge of the shop to-day when a group of striking employees entered the shop and began arguing with the workmen. The disputes became angry, and Greenfield temporized with them.

He said: "If you will go out to the street I will shut off the power, and then they will have to stop work whether they want to or not. I don't want to have a fight here."

The strikers went out. Wolf Greenfield did not keep his promise. He locked the doors, and told the men to keep on with their work. The strikers, accompanied by a hundred or more sympathizers, came down the street in a yelling mob shortly after. They smashed in the door, and armed with sticks or with weapons grabbed up in the place, assaulted every one they could lay their hands on. The police were summoned, and by free use of the club dispersed the rioters. When they had been dispersed a man was discovered dead in another clothing shop on the second floor. There was nothing to show who he was.

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